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Dear Paul,

In behalf of California Farm Bureau Federation, I am faxing you our comments on Bulletin 160-05 Volume ONE, latest draft, as follows:

Page 2-2: First word in third line, change to "efficiently".

Page 2-3: Additional storage should not be relegated to be the 6th item in a list of fundamental lessons. It should be one of the Foundational Actions. It is just as important as each of the other three actions, considering what is happening to the state's population.

Page 2-4: Under "Support Environmental Stewardship", fifth line, substitute "From now on" in place of "In the future". Among the reasons is what is happening to Salton Sea NOW. Also, line eleven, "minimize the alteration of ecosystems by water management actions", strikes me as wrong policy in many cases, where extreme action measures must be taken soon regarding storage, and in behalf of endangered species such as on the Colorado River.

Page 2-7: Under "Diversify Regional Water Portfolios", reword the second sentence to read: "When water is wasted, sometimes money and a precious resource go down the drain", your whole campaign on Salton sea disproves the present wording of the statement. The use of the word "waste" here is undefined and therefore debatable. The state has fined IID many millions of dollars in the past for "wasting" and now is forcing IID to do just that for at least 15 years. These contradictory acts require you to be very careful that such "flat-out" statements are not misinterpreted.

Chapter 3

Page 3-7: Sixth line, "supplies" should be "supply".

Page 3-18: Under "Ecosystem restoration", "supports" on the third line more accurately would be "formerly supported". Also, I suggest last full line, "If a solution is not developed and begun soon, Salton Sea may have become too saline to support most of the fish and bird populations". Mono Lake seems to indicate that as now written, the sentence is not true.

Chapter 4

Page 4-25: Fifth line, is a word missing? Perhaps "ON SITE"?

Page 4-28: I am uncertain which "Colorado River Agreement" the text is referring to. (third line from bottom of page)

Page 4-32: Under "Approach", methods that were developed.

Chapter 5

Page 5-11: Second bullet, last line, funding the needed work---

Page 5-15: Fourth bullet, the reference to Salton Sea should be more problematic, such as "whether, and if so, to what extent, to restore Salton Sea". Last bullet, I suggest "DWR will continue to expand its...."

Thank you for considering our comments.



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